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1 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FILED 2 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA DEC 2 2 2003 3 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SAN FRANCISCO, CA 4 5 6 In re Case No. 01-30923 DM 7 PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY. Chapter 11 Case a California corporation, 8 9 Debtor. 10 Federal I.D. No. 94-0742640 11 12 13 ORDER CONFIRMING PLAN OF REORGANIZATION UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE FOR PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY PROPOSED BY 14 PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, PG&E CORPORATION AND THE **OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF** 15 **UNSECURED CREDITORS DATED JULY 31, 2003, AS MODIFIED** 16 17 The Plan of Reorganization Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code for Pacific 18 Gas and Electric Company Dated July 31, 2003 As Modified By Modifications Dated November 6, 19 2003 and December 19, 2003, proposed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company, PG&E Corporation 20 and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, as 21 supplemented by the Composite Plan Supplement in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B (such 22 Plan of Reorganization as so supplemented by such Composite Plan Supplement being hereafter 23 referred to as the "Plan"), having been filed with this Court by Pacific Gas and Electric Company. 24 25 the debtor and debtor in possession herein and one of the Plan proponents (the "Debtor" or

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"PG&E"); and the Disclosure Statement for the Plan having been approved by the Disclosure Statement Order dated July 31, 2003 as containing "adequate information" as such term is defined under section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code; and certificates of service and certifications of publication having been filed with the Court attesting to compliance with the service and publication requirements of the Disclosure Statement Order; and acceptances and rejections of the Plan by those holders of Claims that voted thereon having been duly received and tabulated by Innisfree M&A Incorporated ("Innisfree"), the voting agent appointed in this Chapter 11 Case; and certifications by Innisfree of ballots accepting or rejecting the Plan having been filed with the Court; and the Court having considered all objections to confirmation of the Plan; and all such objections to confirmation of the Plan having been voluntarily withdrawn, overruled or denied by the Court; and upon all of the evidence presented and the arguments of counsel made at the hearing commencing November 10, 2003 and continuing thereafter to consider, inter alia, confirmation of the Plan (the "Confirmation Hearing"); and upon the entire record of this Chapter 11 Case, and after due deliberation, and sufficient cause appearing therefor; and the Court having determined that it has jurisdiction to enter a Final Order with respect to the confirmation of the Plan, and that all requirements of the Bankruptcy Code for confirmation of the Plan have been satisfied,

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that:

- 1. The Court has jurisdiction to confirm the Plan pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§157
 - 2. Venue is proper before the Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1408 and 1409.
- 3. Confirmation of the Plan is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §157(b)(2)(L).

Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given such terms in the Plan.

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- The Modifications Dated November 6, 2003 to the Plan Of Reorganization 4. Under Chapter 11 Of The Bankruptcy Code For Pacific Gas And Electric Company Dated July 31, 2003 and the Modifications Dated December 19, 2003 to the Plan Of Reorganization Under Chapter 11 Of The Bankruptcy Code For Pacific Gas And Electric Company Dated July 31, 2003 (collectively, the "Modifications"), which are incorporated into the Plan, are deemed accepted by the parties who voted to accept the Plan as filed on July 31, 2003, because the Modifications do not adversely change the treatment of the Claim of any creditor or the interest of any equity security holder. No holder of a Claim against the Debtor that has voted to accept the Plan shall be permitted to change its acceptance to a rejection as a consequence of the Modifications. The Modifications incorporated into the Plan comply with section 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3019, and no additional disclosure, solicitation or voting is required.
- 5. Each objection to the Plan and any response or request for continuance regarding confirmation of the Plan not resolved by the terms of this Order, by a separate order entered contemporaneously herewith, or by a statement announced on the record of the Confirmation Hearing and not otherwise withdrawn, waived or settled, is overruled and denied.
 - 6. The record of the Confirmation Hearing is closed.
- The Plan is confirmed. The Debtor is hereby authorized and directed to take 7. all actions required of it thereunder.
- 8. Written findings of fact, conclusions of law and an amended Memorandum Decision in support of this Confirmation Order shall be entered shortly hereafter.
- 9. This Court hereby approves in all respects the proposed Commission Settlement Agreement to be entered into by the Debtor, PG&E Corporation (the "Parent"), and the California Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission"). The Commission Settlement Agreement and the Settling Parties' respective rights and obligations thereunder shall be fully

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enforceable by the Bankruptcy Court as material provisions of the Plan the same as if they were set forth verbatim in the Plan.

- 10. Subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date, the Court hereby orders PG&E, the Parent, and the Commission to perform each and every one of their respective duties and obligations pursuant to the Commission Settlement Agreement including, without limitation, the following:
- (i) <u>Regulatory Asset</u>. The Commission shall establish a regulatory asset of \$2,210,000,000 as a new, separate and additional part of PG&E's rate base (the "Regulatory Asset").
- (A) The Regulatory Asset shall be amortized in PG&E's Retail Electric Rates on a "mortgage-style" basis over nine years starting on January 1, 2004, with the details and mechanics of the amortization and earnings of the Regulatory Asset as set forth in Appendix A, Technical Appendix, to the Commission Settlement Agreement, which Appendix was jointly prepared by the Commission and PG&E.
- (B) The Regulatory Asset shall earn PG&E's authorized return on equity ("ROE") on the equity component of PG&E's capital structure as set in PG&E's annual cost of capital proceedings, provided that the ROE on the Regulatory Asset shall be no less than 11.22% per year for the life of the Regulatory Asset and that, once the equity component of PG&E's capital structure reaches 52%, the authorized equity component for the Regulatory Asset shall be no less than 52% for the life of the Regulatory Asset.
- (C) The Commission will use its usual methodology for taxeffecting the ROE component for purposes of setting PG&E's revenue requirements associated with the unamortized portion of the Regulatory Asset. The Commission will apply the same method of

tax-effecting to the scheduled amortization of the Regulatory Asset, as more fully set forth in Paragraph 2c of the Commission Settlement Agreement.

(D) PG&E shall continue to cooperate with the Commission and the State in seeking refunds from generators and other energy suppliers. The net after-tax amount of any refunds, claim offsets or other credits from generators or other energy suppliers relating to PG&E's PX, ISO, QF or ESP costs that PG&E actually realizes in Cash or by offset of Claims in the Chapter 11 Case shall be applied by PG&E to reduce the outstanding balance of the Regulatory Asset dollar for dollar, as more fully set forth in Paragraph 2d of the Commission Settlement Agreement and Appendix A, Technical Appendix, thereto.

Settlement Agreement), determined in accordance with Commission Decision No. 01-03-082, as of January 1, 2004 shall have no further impact on PG&E's Retail Electric Rates and shall be subject to no further review by the Commission except for verification of recorded balances, and PG&E's current Retail Electric Rates will be replaced as of January 1, 2004 by the Retail Electric Rates resulting from the Commission Settlement Agreement, the Plan and this Confirmation Order. This is not intended to affect PG&E's pending application (Application No. 00-07-013) to recover electric restructuring costs booked into the Electric Restructuring Cost Account pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 376 or to otherwise affect recovery of QF and other nonbypassable costs going forward.

(F) As set forth in Paragraph 2f of the Commission Settlement
Agreement, the URG Rate Base for PG&E already established by the Commission in D.02-04-016
shall be deemed by the Commission to be just and reasonable and not subject to modification,
adjustment or reduction, except as necessary to reflect capital expenditures and any change in
authorized depreciation. (This shall not preclude the Commission from determining the

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(ii) Ratemaking Matters.

(A) The Commission shall maintain PG&E's Retail Electric Rates at current levels through December 31, 2003. As of January 1, 2004, the Commission may adjust the Reorganized Debtor's Retail Electric Rates prospectively consistent with the Commission Settlement Agreement, the Plan, this Confirmation Order and California law.

authorized ROE in PG&E's annual cost of capital proceedings in its usual manner; provided that, from January 1, 2004 until either S&P confers on PG&E a Company Credit Rating of at least "A-" or Moody's confers on PG&E a Company Credit Rating of at least "A3," the authorized ROE shall be no less than 11.22% per year and the authorized equity ratio for ratemaking purposes shall be no less than 52%, except for a transition period as provided below. As set forth in Paragraph 3b of the Commission Settlement Agreement, for 2004 and 2005, the authorized equity ratio shall equal the Forecast Average Equity Ratio (as defined in the Commission Settlement Agreement), but in no event shall it be less than 48.6%. PG&E shall not pay any dividend on common stock before July 1, 2004.

(C) Nothing in the Commission Settlement Agreement, the Plan or this Confirmation Order shall be construed to create a rate freeze or rate cap for PG&E's electric or gas businesses.

(iii) Implementation of Ratemaking. As set forth in Paragraph 4 of the Commission Settlement Agreement, as soon as practicable after the issuance of the Commission decision approving the Commission Settlement Agreement, PG&E shall file an advice letter to implement all the rate and tariff changes necessary to implement the Plan. The Commission shall act promptly on the advice filing and revised rates and tariffs. The Commission shall also review

and issue a decision promptly on the merits of any application for rehearing of the approval of the advice filing.

(iv) <u>Timely Decisions on Ratemaking Matters</u>. As set forth in Paragraph 5 of the Commission Settlement Agreement, the Commission shall promptly act on the pending PG&E ratemaking proceedings listed in Appendix B to the Commission Settlement Agreement.

assignment of or assume legal and financial responsibility for the DWR Contracts, provided that (A) PG&E's Company Credit Rating, after giving effect to such assignment or assumption, shall be no less than "A" from S&P and "A2" from Moody's; (B) the Commission shall first have made a finding that, for purposes of assignment or assumption, the DWR Contracts to be assigned or assumed are just and reasonable; and (C) the Commission shall have acted to ensure that PG&E will receive full and timely recovery in its Retail Electric Rates of all costs of such DWR Contracts over their life without further review. The Commission shall not require PG&E to assume or accept an assignment of legal or financial responsibility for the DWR Contracts unless conditions (A), (B) and (C) in the preceding sentence are all met. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to limit the discretion of the Commission to review the prudence of PG&E's administration and dispatch of the DWR Contracts, consistent with applicable law.

(vi) Headroom Revenues.

(A) As set forth in Paragraph 8a of the Commission Settlement
Agreement, the Headroom (as defined in the Commission Settlement Agreement), surcharge and
base revenues accrued or collected by PG&E through and including December 31, 2003 are property
of the Debtor's chapter 11 estate, have been or will be used for utility purposes, including to pay
creditors in the Chapter 11 Case, have been included in PG&E's Retail Electric Rates consistent
with state and federal law, and are not subject to refund.

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(B) The Headroom revenues accrued by PG&E during calendar year 2003 shall not exceed \$875 million and shall not be less than \$775 million, both on a pre-tax basis. If the amount of Headroom PG&E accrues in 2003 is greater or less than these amounts, the Commission shall take such action in 2004 as is necessary to require PG&E to refund any Headroom accrued in excess of \$875 million or, if the accrued Headroom is less than \$775 million. to allow PG&E to collect in rates the difference between the Headroom accrued and \$775 million.

Dismissal of the Rate Recovery Litigation and Other Litigation. On or (vii) as soon as practicable after the later of the Effective Date or the date on which the Commission's approval of the Commission Settlement Agreement is no longer subject to appeal, PG&E shall dismiss with prejudice the Rate Recovery Litigation, forgoing any recovery from ratepayers of costs sought in such litigation not otherwise provided for in the Commission Settlement Agreement and the Plan; withdraw the PG&E Plan; dismiss other pending proceedings, as specified in the Commission Settlement Agreement; and provide the other consideration described in the Commission Settlement Agreement. In exchange, on or before January 1, 2004, the Commission shall establish and authorize the collection of the Regulatory Asset and the URG Rate Base, and on or as soon as practicable after the Effective Date, the Commission shall resolve Phase 2 of the presently pending ATCP Application with no adverse impact on PG&E's cost recovery as filed, and provide the other consideration described in the Commission Settlement Agreement. PG&E's motion to dismiss the Rate Recovery Litigation shall be in form and substance satisfactory to the Commission.

(viii) Dismissal of Other Proceedings. On or as soon as practicable after the later of the Effective Date or the date on which the Commission's approval of the Commission Settlement Agreement is no longer subject to appeal, PG&E and PG&E Corporation, on the one hand, and the Commission, on the other, will execute full mutual releases and dismissals with

prejudice of all claims, actions or regulatory proceedings arising out of or related in any way to the energy crisis or the implementation of AB 1890 listed on Appendix C to the Commission Settlement Agreement. All such releases and dismissals with prejudice shall be in form and substance satisfactory to PG&E, PG&E Corporation and the Commission.

(ix) Withdrawal of Certain Applications.

(A) Promptly upon the Effective Date, PG&E shall withdraw all of its applications previously filed with the FERC, the NRC, the SEC and elsewhere in connection with the PG&E Plan. A full and complete list of such applications is set forth in Appendix D to the Commission Settlement Agreement. Upon execution of the Commission Settlement Agreement, PG&E and PG&E Corporation shall move to obtain or otherwise request a stay of all actions before the FERC, NRC, SEC or a similar agency initiated by PG&E and/or PG&E Corporation to implement the PG&E Plan. In addition, upon execution of the Commission Settlement Agreement by all Parties, PG&E and PG&E Corporation shall suspend all actions to obtain or transfer licenses, permits and franchises to implement the PG&E Plan. On the Effective Date or as soon thereafter as practicable, PG&E and PG&E Corporation shall withdraw or abandon all such applications for licenses, permits and franchises.

(B) In addition to withdrawing its pending applications at FERC, PG&E and PG&E Corporation, for the life of the Regulatory Asset, shall not, nor shall any of their affiliates or subsidiaries, make any filing under Sections 4, 5 or 7 of the Natural Gas Act to transfer ownership of or ratemaking jurisdiction over PG&E's intrastate natural gas pipeline and storage facilities, and such parties shall keep such natural gas pipeline and storage facilities subject to the regulation of the Commission. In addition, PG&E and PG&E Corporation agree that the Commission has jurisdiction under existing Public Utilities Code section 851 to review and approve

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1	any proposal by PG&E to dispose of property necessary or useful in the performance of PG&E's
2	duties to the public.
3	(x) Interest Rate Hedging. As set forth in Paragraph 12 of the
4	Commission Settlement Agreement, the actual reasonable cost of PG&E's interest rate hedging
5	activities with respect to the financing necessary for the Plan shall be reflected and recoverable in
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7	PG&E's retail gas rates and electric rates without further review.
8	(xi) <u>Financing</u> .
9	(A) All financing shall be arranged and placed by a financing team
10	led by PG&E that includes representatives of the Commission and PG&E and shall be duly
11	authorized by the Commission and subject to the authority and duty of the boards of directors of
12	PG&E and PG&E Corporation to approve such financing. The financing shall be designed and
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15	appropriate and financially flexible capital structure.
16	(B) All documents used or prepared by PG&E in connection with
17	the financing, including prospectuses, indentures and notes, shall be in form and substance
18	reasonably satisfactory to the Commission.
19	(C) The cost of the financing, including principal, interest, any fees
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21	or discounts payable to investment bankers, capital markets arrangers or book runners, including the
22	fees to be paid to UBS Warburg LLC and Lehman Brothers pursuant to Paragraph 13d of the
23	Commission Settlement Agreement, as well as any past or future call premiums on reacquired debt,
24	shall be fully recoverable as part of the cost of debt to be collected in PG&E's retail gas and electric
25	rates without further review.
26	(xii) Fees and Expenses. PG&E shall reimburse the Commission for all of
27	its professional fees and expenses incurred in connection with the Chapter 11 Case (such fees and
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expenses being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Reimbursable Fees and Expenses," and such fees and expenses of the Commission to include those of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, UBS Warburg LLC and Chanin Capital Partners), to the extent determined to be reasonable by the Court and approved by the Court pursuant to a separate motion and order thereon (the "separate motion proceeding"). In such separate motion proceeding, the Court shall determine what provision or provisions of the Bankruptcy Code govern the approval of the Reimbursable Fees and Expenses. To the extent the Court in such separate motion proceeding determines that the reasonableness of the Reimbursable Fees and Expenses must be determined pursuant to sections 330 or 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, the movants in such separate motion proceeding, before the Court rules on such motion, shall be afforded a reasonable time to file with the Court such additional pleadings and documentation respecting the requested Reimbursable Fees and Expenses as any such movant deems necessary or appropriate. The commencement and outcome of the separate motion proceeding are independent of this Confirmation Order, and the effectiveness of this Confirmation Order is in no way subject to or conditioned upon such commencement or outcome. As provided in Paragraph 15 of the Commission Settlement Agreement, the Commission shall authorize PG&E to recover the amounts so paid or reimbursed to the Commission in retail rates over a reasonable period of time, not to exceed four years.

(xiii) Preservation and Environmental Enhancement of PG&E Land. PG&E is authorized and directed (i) to comply with the Land Conservation Commitment described in Paragraph 17 of the Commission Settlement Agreement and set forth in Appendix E thereto and the Stipulation Resolving Issues Regarding the Land Conservation Commitment (the "Land Conservation Commitment Stipulation") filed herein as Exhibit A to the Stipulation Resolving Objections of California Hydropower Reform Coalition to Plan of Reorganization Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code for Pacific Gas and Electric Company Proposed by Pacific Gas and Electric

Company, PG&E Corporation and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors Dated July 31, 2003; and Order Thereon, and (ii) to execute all documents, make all payments, and take all other actions that may be necessary to fully perform its obligations in respect thereof.

(xiv) <u>Clean Energy Technology Commitment</u>. PG&E is authorized and directed to execute all documents, make all payments, and take all other actions that may be necessary to fully perform its obligations under Paragraph 18 of the Commission Settlement Agreement, which relates to the support of research and investment in clean energy technologies primarily in PG&E's service territory.

(xv) <u>Cooperation</u>. The Settling Parties are directed to cooperate fully and in good faith to effectuate the transactions contemplated by the Commission Settlement Agreement and the Plan. The Settling Parties further are directed to support the Commission Settlement Agreement, the Plan and this Confirmation Order in all judicial, administrative and legislative forums. PG&E, PG&E Corporation and the Commission shall cooperate in all presentations to credit rating agencies in connection with the consummation of the Plan.

(xvi) <u>Termination</u>. The Commission Settlement Agreement shall terminate at the end of nine (9) years from the Effective Date, <u>provided that</u> all rights of the Settling Parties under the Commission Settlement Agreement that vest on or prior to such termination, including any rights arising from any default under the Commission Settlement Agreement, shall survive such termination for the purpose of enforcing such vested rights.

(xvii) Specific Performance. Pursuant to Paragraph 23 of the Commission

Settlement Agreement, each of the Settling Parties has agreed that money damages would not be a sufficient remedy for any material breach of any provision of the Commission Settlement

Agreement by any Settling Party, and each non-breaching Settling Party shall be entitled to specific

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necessity of securing or posting a bond or other security in connection with such remedy.

11. In connection with any action or proceeding concerning the enforcement of

performance and injunctive or other equitable relief as a remedy for any such breach, without the

the Commission Settlement Agreement, the Plan or this Confirmation Order or other determination of the Settling Parties' rights under the Commission Settlement Agreement, the Plan or this Confirmation Order, the Commission has knowingly and expressly waived all existing and future rights of sovereign immunity, and all other similar immunities, as a defense. As set forth in Paragraph 20 of the Commission Settlement Agreement, the Commission has consented to the jurisdiction of any court or other tribunal or forum for such actions or proceedings including, but not limited to, the Bankruptcy Court. Such waiver is irrevocable and applies to the jurisdiction of any court, with respect to any suit, judgment, attachment in aid of execution of a judgment, attachment prior to judgment, set-off or any other legal process with respect to the enforcement of the Commission Settlement Agreement, the Plan or this Confirmation Order or other determination of the Settling Parties' rights under the Commission Settlement Agreement, the Plan or this Confirmation Order. As set forth in Paragraph 20 of the Commission Settlement Agreement, neither the Commission, nor any other California entity acting on the Commission's behalf, may assert immunity in an action or proceeding concerning the Settling Parties' rights under the Commission Settlement Agreement, the Plan or this Confirmation Order.

- 12. As set forth in Paragraph 21 of the Commission Settlement Agreement, none of the Settling Parties shall contest the validity and enforceability of the Plan, the Commission Settlement Agreement, this Confirmation Order, or any order entered by the Bankruptcy Court as contemplated by or required to implement the Plan and the Commission Settlement Agreement.
- 13. The Commission Settlement Agreement is consistent with state law. Any order entered by the Bankruptcy Court contemplated or required to implement the Plan or the

Commission Settlement Agreement upon the Plan and the Commission Settlement Agreement becoming effective, shall be enforceable under federal law.

- 14. The Plan, the Commission Settlement Agreement, and the orders to be entered by the Bankruptcy Court as contemplated under the Commission Settlement Agreement and the Plan, upon becoming effective, shall be irrevocable and binding upon the Settling Parties and their successors and assigns, notwithstanding any future decisions and orders of the Commission.
- 15. The Bankruptcy Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the Commission Settlement Agreement, the Plan and this Confirmation Order.
- 16. The obligations of the Debtor and/or the Reorganized Debtor entered into pursuant to Sections 7.2, 7.3 and 7.5 of the Plan are valid obligations, binding upon and enforceable against the Debtor and/or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, by the counterparty or counterparties to such obligations in accordance with the terms and conditions of such obligations.
- 17. Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law (including, without limitation, section 105 of the Bankruptcy Code), the occurrence of the Effective Date as to the Debtor shall discharge and release the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, and their respective successors and assigns, and the assets or properties of any of the foregoing, as of the Confirmation Date, from any and all Claims, debts, liens, security interests, encumbrances and interests that arose prior to the Confirmation Date, including, without limitation, any Claim of the kind specified in sections 502(g), (h) or (i) of the Bankruptcy Code, and any Claim for interest earned or accrued after the Petition Date.
- 18. On or as soon as practicable after the later of the Effective Date or the date on which the Commission approval of the Commission Settlement Agreement is no longer subject to appeal, the Debtor, the Debtor in Possession, the Reorganized Debtor and the Parent shall execute full releases of the Commission, its present and former Commissioners and employees, and the

advisors, consultants and professionals of or to the Commission, in each case in their respective capacities as such, from any and all Causes of Action held by or assertable on behalf of the Debtor or the Parent or derivative of the Debtor's or the Parent's rights, that are expressly released, resolved or dismissed pursuant to Paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Commission Settlement Agreement and Sections 11.4(a) and (b) of the Plan.

- 19. On or as soon as practicable after the later of the Effective Date or the date on which the Commission approval of the Commission Settlement Agreement is no longer subject to appeal, the Commission, its present and former Commissioners and employees, as well as the advisors, consultants and professionals of or to the Commission, in each case in their respective capacities as such, shall execute full releases of the Debtor, the Debtor in Possession, the Reorganized Debtor and the Parent, in each case in any capacity, from any and all Causes of Action held by or assertable on behalf of the Commission or derivative of the Commission's rights, that are expressly released, resolved or dismissed pursuant to Paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Commission Settlement Agreement and Sections 11.4(a) and (b) of the Plan.
- 20. As of the Effective Date, and subject to the release by the Releasees set forth in Section 11.6 of the Plan, the releases by the Debtor, the Debtor in Possession and the Reorganized Debtor, of the Releasees as set forth in Section 11.5 of the Plan shall become effective subject to the terms and conditions set forth in that section.
- 21. In consideration of the release of the Releasees and other valuable consideration, as of the Effective Date, each of the Releasees, at its option, shall release the Debtor, the Debtor in Possession, the Reorganized Debtor, the Parent, and their respective subsidiaries and affiliates, in each case in any capacity, from any and all Causes of Action held by, assertable on behalf of or derivative from such Releasee, in any way relating to the Debtor, the Debtor in Possession, the Chapter 11 Case, the Plan, negotiations regarding or concerning the Plan, and the

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ownership, management and operation of the Debtor and Debtor in Possession. The release by the Debtor, the Debtor in Possession and the Reorganized Debtor in Section 11.5 of the Plan shall be provided only to Releasees who execute and deliver to the Debtor, the Debtor in Possession and the Reorganized Debtor a release as provided in Section 11.6 of the Plan and in a form acceptable to the Debtor, the Debtor in Possession and the Reorganized Debtor.

22. Nothing contained in the Plan or this Confirmation Order shall release or discharge any Causes of Action that do not belong to the Debtor or the estate or that may be asserted directly by third parties against non-debtors, including but not limited to the respective law enforcement actions filed against PG&E Corporation and its officers and directors by the California Attorney General and the City and County of San Francisco seeking injunctive relief and penalties for violations of California Business and Professions Code section 17200 (the "17200 Actions"). Further, in the event it is finally determined, after exhaustion of all federal and state appellate recourse, if any, that the remedy of restitution prayed for in the aforementioned 17200 Actions may be obtained by the California Attorney General and/or the City and County of San Francisco notwithstanding the bankruptcy of Debtor, the release and discharge provisions in the Plan or Commission Settlement Agreement shall not apply to the restitution remedy prayed for in the respective 17200 Actions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the release provisions in Section 11.4 of the Plan shall include the mutual releases of any and all Causes of Action of the Parent against the Commission (and/or its related parties as stated therein) and any and all Causes of Action of the Commission against the Parent (and/or its related parties as stated therein) as set forth in the Commission Settlement Agreement and the Plan. The Court's approval under section 1123(b)(3)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 9019 of the releases in the Plan and Commission Settlement Agreement does not amount to an adjudication of the underlying merits of the claims being released.

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23. Nothing contained in the Plan, the Land Conservation Commitment described in Paragraph 17 of the Commission Settlement Agreement and set forth in Appendix E thereto, the Land Conservation Commitment Stipulation or this Confirmation Order shall adversely affect the rights and interests of the City of Santa Clara with respect to the Grizzly Project, the related Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project 619 License (known as the "Bucks Creek License"), as described in the Grizzly Development and Mokelumne Settlement Agreement dated March 8, 1990, and as provided for in all related agreements between the parties with respect thereto, including, but not limited to: (a) Amendment Number Four to the Grizzly Development and Mokelumne Settlement Agreement by and between Pacific Gas and Electric Company and City of Santa Clara dated June 5, 2002; (b) Grizzly Operation and Maintenance Agreement by and between Pacific Gas and Electric Company and City of Santa Clara dated June 5, 2002; and (c) Grizzly Billing Dispute Settlement Agreement dated August 26, 2003. Further, PG&E shall use its best efforts to cause the Stewardship Council to serve all notices provided for in paragraph 11c of the Land Conservation Commitment Stipulation (i.e., of meetings of the Stewardship Council (as defined in the Land Conservation Commitment Stipulation) and of consideration of the disposition of any individual parcel to implement the Land Conservation Commitment) by mail or other effective manner on the City of Santa Clara addressed as follows: City Manager, City of Santa Clara, 1500 Warburton Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050, or at such other address as designed by the City of Santa Clara by written notice to Pacific Gas and Electric Company and the Stewardship Council.

24. The rights afforded in the Plan and the treatment of all Claims and Equity

Interests therein shall be in exchange for and in complete satisfaction, discharge and release of

Claims and Equity Interests of any nature whatsoever, including any interest accrued on such Claims

from and after the Petition Date, against the Debtor or any of its assets or properties. Except as

otherwise provided in the Plan, (a) as of the Confirmation Date, all such Claims against and Equity

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Interests in the Debtor shall be satisfied, discharged and released in full and (b) all Persons and Governmental Entities shall be precluded from asserting against the Debtor, its successors, or its assets or properties any other or further Claims or Equity Interests based upon any act or omission. transaction or other activity of any kind or nature that occurred prior to the Confirmation Date.

25. Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan and in accordance with section 1141(d)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law (including, without limitation, section 105 of the Bankruptcy Code), all Entities who have held, hold or may hold Claims against or Equity Interests in the Debtor, are enjoined, on and after the Confirmation Date, from (a) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind with respect to any such Claim or Equity Interest, (b) the enforcement, attachment, collection or recovery by any manner or means of any judgment, award, decree or order against the Reorganized Debtor on account of any such Claim or Equity Interest, (c) creating, perfecting or enforcing any Lien of any kind against the Reorganized Debtor or against the property or interests in property of the Reorganized Debtor on account of any such Claim or Equity Interest, (d) asserting any right of setoff or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due to (or asserting any right of subrogation with respect to any type of claim against) the Reorganized Debtor or against the property or interests in property of the Reorganized Debtor on account of any such Claim or Equity Interest, to the extent and only to the extent such right of setoff, recoupment and/or subrogation is not permitted under applicable law, and (e) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind with respect to any Claims or Causes of Action which are extinguished, dismissed or released pursuant to the Plan. This injunction shall also enjoin all parties in interest, including, without limitation, all entities who have held, hold or may hold Claims against or Equity Interests in the Debtor, from taking any action in violation of this Confirmation Order. Such injunction shall extend to successors of the Reorganized Debtor and their respective properties

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and interests in property. Except as provided by Sections 11.4, 11.6 and 11.7 of the Plan, this paragraph shall not enjoin, bar or otherwise impair the commencement or prosecution of direct personal claims against any Person other than the Reorganized Debtor.

26. As of the Confirmation Date, none of the Debtor, the Debtor-in-Possession, the Parent, the Committee (including present and former members), the Commission (including its present and former Commissioners), or any of the foregoing's respective members, officers, directors, employees, advisors, professionals and agents, shall have or incur any liability to any holder of a Claim or Equity Interest or other party in interest for any act or omission in connection with, related to, or arising out of, the Chapter 11 Case, negotiations regarding or concerning the Plan, the pursuit of confirmation of the Plan, the consummation of the Plan, or the administration of the Plan or the property to be distributed under the Plan, except for willful misconduct or gross negligence, and, in all respects, the Debtor, the Debtor-in-Possession, the Parent, the Committee, the Commission and each of their respective members, officers, directors, employees, advisors, professionals and agents shall be entitled to rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities under the Plan; provided that nothing in this paragraph shall effect a release in favor of any Person other than the Debtor with respect to any debt owed to any Governmental Entity for any liability of such Person arising under (x) the Tax Code, or any state, city or municipal tax code, or (y) the environmental laws of the United States, or any state, city or municipality.

27. All executory contracts and unexpired leases that exist between the Debtor and any Person or Governmental Entity shall be deemed assumed by the Debtor upon the occurrence of the Effective Date, except for any executory contract or unexpired lease (i) that has been assumed or rejected pursuant to a Final Order entered prior to the Confirmation Date, (ii) as to which a motion for approval of the rejection of such executory contract or unexpired lease has been filed and

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served prior to the Confirmation Date that results in a Final Order or (iii) that is set forth in Schedule 6.1 to the Plan, as contained in the Plan Supplement, as of the Confirmation Date.

- 28. Subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date, entry of this Confirmation Order shall constitute (a) the approval, pursuant to sections 365(a) and 1123(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code, of the assumption of the executory contracts and unexpired leases assumed pursuant to Section 6.1 of the Plan; (b) the extension of time, pursuant to section 365(d)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code, within which the Debtor may assume or reject the unexpired leases of non-residential property specified in Section 6.1 of the Plan; and (c) the approval, pursuant to sections 365(a) and 1123(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code, of the rejection of the executory contracts and unexpired leases rejected pursuant to Section 6.1 of the Plan.
- 29. Claims arising out of the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease pursuant to Section 6.1 of the Plan must be properly filed in the Chapter 11 Case and served upon the Debtor no later than thirty (30) days after the later of (a) notice of entry of an order approving the rejection of such executory contract or unexpired lease; (b) notice of entry of the Confirmation Order, and (c) notice of an amendment to Schedule 6.1 of the Plan (as contained in the Plan Supplement). All such Claims not filed within such time shall be forever barred from assertion against the Debtor, its estate and its property.
- 30. Except as may otherwise be agreed by the parties, the Debtor shall cure or provide adequate assurance that the Debtor will promptly cure, as provided in Section 6.4 of the Plan, any and all defaults within thirty (30) days after the Effective Date with respect to executory contracts and unexpired leases assumed by the Debtor pursuant to Section 6.1 of the Plan, in accordance with section 365(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code. Within thirty (30) days after the Effective Date, the Debtor shall pay, in Cash, (i) all such cure amounts arising prior to the filing of the Chapter 11 Case and (ii) all such cure amounts arising from and after the Petition Date up to (but

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not including) the date which is sixty (60) days prior to the Effective Date. All such cure amounts arising on or after sixty (60) days prior to the Effective Date shall be treated as Ordinary Course Liabilities. The counterparty shall not be required to file an Administrative Expense Claim or any other Claim with respect to such cure payments. In the event that the counterparty disputes the sufficiency of the cure amount tendered by the Debtor, the notice and dispute resolution procedures set forth in Section 6.4 of the Plan shall apply.

- 31. Except as otherwise provided herein with respect to the Commission, all holders of Professional Compensation and Reimbursement Claims as to which fee applications are required shall file and serve their respective final fee applications, as to all fees and expenses incurred in connection with this Chapter 11 Case prior to the Confirmation Date, no later than 90 days after the Confirmation Date. No fee applications shall be required for any professional services rendered after the Confirmation Date, and the Debtor may pay the charges that it incurs after the Confirmation Date for professional fees, disbursements, expenses or related support services without application to the Bankruptcy Court.
- 32. Except as otherwise provided herein or as otherwise subsequently ordered by the Court, all objections to Claims (except for Administrative Expense Claims) shall be filed and served on the applicable claimant no later than the Effective Date, or, if a Claim is permitted to be filed thereafter, within thirty (30) days after such Claim has been filed. Except as to applications for allowance of Professional Compensation and Reimbursement Claims under sections 330 and 503 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Reorganized Debtor shall, on and after the Effective Date, have the exclusive right to make and file objections to Administrative Expense Claims and Claims. Except for Professional Compensation and Reimbursement Claims, and except for claims for cure amounts owed in respect of executory contracts and unexpired leases assumed by the Debtor, all requests for allowance and payment of any Administrative Expense Claim arising on or before the Confirmation

Date shall be filed no later than 30 days after the Confirmation Date, and all requests for allowance and payment of any Administrative Expense Claim arising after the Confirmation Date and on or before the Effective Date shall be filed no later than 30 days after the Effective Date.

- 23. Pursuant to section 1146(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, the issuance, transfer, or exchange of any notes or the issuance of any securities under the Plan, the creation of any mortgage, deed of trust or other security interest, the making or assignment of any lease or sublease, or the making or delivery of any instrument of transfer under, in furtherance of, or in connection with the Plan ("Exempt Transactions") shall not be subject to any stamp, real estate transfer, documentary transfer, mortgage recording or other similar tax. All filing or recording officers, wherever located and by whomever appointed, are hereby directed to accept for filing or recording, and to file or record immediately upon presentation thereof, any documents relating to such Exempt Transactions without payment of any recording tax, stamp tax, transfer tax, or similar tax imposed by federal, state or local law.
- 34. Notwithstanding the entry of this Confirmation Order and the occurrence of the Effective Date, this Court shall retain jurisdiction of all matters arising out of, or related to, this Chapter 11 Case and the Plan pursuant to, and for the purposes of, sections 105(a) and 1142 of the Bankruptcy Code and for, among other things, the following purposes:
- a. to hear and determine applications for the assumption or rejection of executory contracts or unexpired leases, if any are pending, and the allowance of cure amounts and Claims resulting therefrom;
- b. to hear and determine any and all adversary proceedings, applications and contested matters;
- c. to hear and determine any objection to Administrative Expense Claims or, except as provided in Section 4.15(c) of the Plan, to Claims;

in accordance with its terms, and all such entities shall be bound by the terms and provisions of all documents to be executed by them in connection with the Plan.

- 36. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the terms of (a) the Plan, the Commission Settlement Agreement, or the Disclosure Statement, on the one hand, and (b) this Confirmation Order, on the other, the terms of this Confirmation Order shall control. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the Plan and the Disclosure Statement, the terms of the Plan shall control. The Commission Settlement Agreement and its appendices, including the Commission's Decision No. 03-12-035 (the "Commission Decision"), are to be considered part of the Plan and this Order, and further, PG&E, the Parent and the Commission each explicitly agrees that the Commission Settlement Agreement and its appendices, including the Commission Decision, the Plan and the Order, when read together, reflect their understanding of the Commission Settlement Agreement.
- Effective Date, as the Reorganized Debtor, with all the rights and powers of such corporations under applicable law. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, on or after the Effective Date, any and all assets and properties of the estate, and any and all assets and properties acquired by the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor under any provision of the Plan, shall vest in the Reorganized Debtor, free and clear of any and all Claims, Liens, charges or other encumbrances. Except as otherwise provided by the Plan, on and after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor may operate its business and may use, acquire and dispose of assets and properties and compromise or settle any claims against it without supervision or approval by the Bankruptcy Court and free of any restrictions of the Bankruptcy Code or Bankruptcy Rules, other than those restrictions expressly imposed by the Plan, this Confirmation Order, any other agreement to which the applicable Reorganized Debtor is a party and which survives the Effective Date, or applicable law.

38. On the Effective Date, the Committee shall be deemed dissolved and the members of the Committee shall be deemed released and discharged from all rights and duties arising from or related to this Chapter 11 Case; provided that counsel for the Committee and Committee professionals shall retain standing, where applicable, and be entitled to recover all reasonable and necessary costs incurred for services rendered and expenses incurred in connection with the following: (i) any applications for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses incurred prior to the Confirmation Date pending on the Effective Date or filed after the Effective Date pursuant to Section 2.2 of the Plan or requested pursuant to this Confirmation Order; (ii) responding to inquiries from creditors in Class 5, Class 6 or Class 8 regarding the Plan; (iii) analyzing, researching, filing documents, or making appearances, where necessary, to protect the interests of creditors in Class 5, Class 6 or Class 8 or to address implementation of the Plan as it pertains to such creditors; and (iv) any action taken at the request of the Reorganized Debtor.

29. Pursuant to section 1141 of the Bankruptcy Code, effective as of the Confirmation Date, but subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date, and except as expressly provided in the Plan or this Confirmation Order, the provisions of the Plan (including the Exhibits to, and all documents and agreements executed pursuant to, the Plan) and this Confirmation Order shall be binding upon (a) the Proponents, (b) the Reorganized Debtor, (c) the respective subsidiaries and affiliates of the Proponents and the Reorganized Debtor, (d) all holders of Claims against or Equity Interests in the Debtor, whether or not impaired under the Plan and whether or not, if impaired, such holders accepted the Plan, (e) all Settling Parties, (f) any other party in interest, and (g) each of the foregoing's respective successors and assigns.

40. The Debtor is authorized and empowered (a) to execute, deliver, modify (to the extent such modification does not materially and adversely affect the rights of another Person unless the Debtor obtains the written consent of such Person) and/or file all Exhibits to the Plan and

the documents and agreements introduced into evidence at the Confirmation Hearing (including all exhibits and attachments thereto) and any and all other documents and agreements necessary to consummate and implement the Plan and (b) to perform any and all corporate acts and/or actions in implementing the Plan. No modifications shall be made to the Commission Settlement Agreement, however, except as provided by Paragraph 27 thereof.

- And Electric Company And BNY Western Trust Company, in substantially the form marked as "PG&E/OCC Exhibit 142" and admitted into evidence in the Confirmation Hearing (the "Indenture"), under which the New Mortgage Bonds will be issued if none of the New Money Notes are secured, is hereby approved. If none of the New Money Notes are secured as of the Effective Date, BNY Western Trust Company, in its capacity as trustee under the Indenture, is hereby directed to execute the Indenture no later than the Effective Date, to be effective upon the Effective Date.
- 42. The chairman of the board, the president or any vice president and the secretary, the chief financial officer, the treasurer or any assistant secretary or assistant treasurer of the Reorganized Debtor shall cause the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Reorganized Debtor to contain the provisions necessary to prohibit the issuance of nonvoting equity securities as required by section 1123(a)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code, and the chairman of the board, the president, any vice president, the chief financial officer, the controller, the secretary, the treasurer, any assistant treasurer and any assistant secretary, jointly or severally, shall exercise the power and authority of the Debtor and/or the Reorganized Debtor to effectuate the provisions of the Plan.
- 43. If this Confirmation Order is vacated because, *inter alia*, the Effective Date does not occur, then (a) no distributions under the Plan shall be made, (b) the Debtor and all holders of Claims and Equity Interests shall be restored to the <u>status quo</u> ante as of the day immediately preceding the Confirmation Date as though this Confirmation Order had never been entered and (c)

the Debtor's obligations with respect to Claims and Equity Interests shall remain unchanged and nothing contained in this Confirmation Order shall constitute or be deemed a waiver or release of any Claims or Equity Interests by or against the Debtor or any other Person or Governmental Entity or prejudice in any manner the rights of the Debtor or any other Person or Governmental Entity in any further proceeding involving the Debtor; provided, however, that the amounts paid pursuant to Section 4.2(a) of the Plan on account of Post-Petition Interest may be recharacterized as a payment upon the applicable Allowed Claims, in the sole discretion of the PG&E Proponents, but the Debtor will not otherwise seek to recover such amounts.

- 44. This Confirmation Order is and shall be deemed to be a separate Order with respect to the Debtor for all purposes. The Clerk is directed to file and docket this Confirmation Order in the Chapter 11 Case.
- 45. The Chapter 11 Case shall not qualify as "fully administered" within the meaning of section 350 of the Bankruptcy Code and Rule 3022 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and a final decree shall not be entered in the Chapter 11 Case, until the later of (i) nine (9) years after the Effective Date, and (ii) the date the Regulatory Asset shall have been fully amortized in the Reorganized Debtor's Retail Electric Rates.

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1	46. The failure specifically to include or reference any particular provision of the
2	Plan or of the Commission Settlement Agreement in this Confirmation Order shall not diminish or
3	impair the effectiveness of such provision, it being the intent of the Court that the Plan be
4	confirmed, and the Commission Settlement Agreement be approved, in their entirety.
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